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SUBJECT:INDO-U.S. SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SUBCOMMISSION
MEETING

REF: NEW DELHI 14216

1. SUMMARY: WE BELIEVE MORE TIME IS NEEDED TO PREPARE
ADEQUATELY FOR NEXT S AND T SUBCOMMISSION MEETING, AND
WOULD LIKE EMBASSY TO SEEK GOI CONCURRENCE TO HAVING
MEETING IN NEW DELHI MOVED BACK TO MID-JANUARY, 1976,
PERHAPS WEEK OF JAN 26. END SUMMARY.

2. IN LIGHT OF GOI INTENTION TO REVIEW AND REFINE FURTHER
THE LIST OF COOPERATIVE RESEARCH PROPOSALS WHICH WERE
SUBMITTED TO US IN SEPTEMBER AND ARE CURRENTLY BEING
REVIEWED BY USG SCIENCE AGENCIES, WE BELIEVE A SHORT
POSTPONEMENT OF S AND T MEETING IS NEEDED. WE WOULD NOT
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HAVE ENOUGH TIME TO REVIEW, CRITIQUE AND APPROVE INDIAN

PROPOSALS IF THESE ONLY RECEIVED IN DELHI NOVEMBER 15.
NAG CHAUDHURI'S PROPOSAL THAT U.S. EXPERTS COME FEW DAYS
BEFORE S AND T MEETING WILL NOT WORK SINCE PLANS AND
PROGRAMS HAVE TO BE AGREED UPON HERE BEFORE THE GROUP GOES
TO INDIA. SINCE THIS IS LIKELY TO BE ONLY S AND T MEETING

FOR NEXT TWELVE MONTHS, WE BELIEVE DEFERRAL IS PREFERABLE
TO POORLY PREPARED MEETING. EMBASSY IS THEREFORE REQUESTED
TO APPROACH NAG CHAUDHURI AND PROPOSE SUCH DEFERRAL.
EMBASSY SHOULD INDICATE THAT U.S. SUBCOMMISSION CHAIRMAN
KRATZER IS VERY MUCH AWARE THAT DECEMBER DATES WERE
PROPOSED BY U.S. AND THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO FULFILL
COMMITMENT IF THIS IS CHAUDHURI'S WISH. FOR REASONS CITED,
HOWEVER, WE BELIEVE SHORT DEFERRAL IS IN MUTUAL INTEREST.

3. FOR DEFERRAL TO BRING MAXIMUM BENEFIT, IT IS OF COURSE
IMPORTANT THAT WE RECEIVE INDIAN PROPOSALS ON CURRENT
SCHEDULE, I.E. NOV. 15. MEANWHILE WE SHALL CONTINUE WITH
REVIEW OF EXISTING PROPOSALS FOR COOPERATIVE RESEARCH
AND COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION. BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE
WE NEED TO LEAN ON THE INDIANS TO COME UP WITH AGENDA;
OTHERWISE WE RUN THE DANGER OF RECEIVING INDIAN PROPOSALS
TOO LATE TO ENSURE ADEQUATE ATTENTION BY NUMEROUS AGENCIES
INVOLVED ON OUR SIDE. YOU SHOULD THEREFORE ASK THE
INDIANS TO WORK UP DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE MEETING, AND
INDICATE WE WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE THIS BY EARLY DECEMBER.

4. WE WILL INFORMALLY NOTIFY INDIAN EMBASSY HERE OF
ABOVE.

5. OTHER ISSUES AND QUESTIONS RAISED BY EMBASSY IN RECENT
CABLES WILL BE ADDRESSED IN SEPTTEL. KISSINGER

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